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FROM USUN DEC 17:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 6865

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: UN COMMITTEE ON PALESTINE TO BE APPOINTED DECEMBER 17

1. THE LAST ACT OF THE 30TH GA PRIOR TO CLOSURE ON DECEMBER 17
WILL BE TO APPOINT THE 20 MEMBER "COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF
THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE" CALLED FOR
IN GA RESOLUTION 3376. COMMITTEE IS EXTREMELY UNBALANCED, IN PART
DUE TO STRENUOUS ISRAELI EFFORTS TO DISSUADE MODERATES FROM
PARTICIPATING. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, NO LATINS EXCEPT
CUBA WILL PARTICIPATE NOR ANY WEO'S EXCEPT MALTA AND (A LAST-
MINUTE SURPRISE) TURKEY. ALSO, MUCH TO AFRICANS DISGRUNTLEMENT,
ARABS THEMSELVES DO NOT PLAN TO TAKE PART. THE 20 PROSPECTIVE
MEMBERS WHOM WE HAVE HEARD OF ARE LISTED IN PARA 3 BELOW.

2. ISRAELI MISSION (AMB ELIAV) HAS TODAY ASKED TWO THINGS OF US.
FIRST, THEY WOULD LIKE US DEL TO SPEAK OUT TOMORROW MORNING
IN OPPOSITION TO COMMITTEE. THEY WANT US TO SAY THAT COMMITTEE
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SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED, THAT IT WILL SERVE NO USEFUL

PURPOSE AND THAT PROCEDURE FOR APPOINTMENT OF ITS MEMBERS (BY GA ITSELF RATHER THAN BY GA PRESIDENT) IS CONTRARY TO NORMAL PROCEDURE AND PRECEDENT. ISRAELIS WILL THEMSELVES SPEAK ALONG THESE LINES. SECONDLY, ISRAELI MISSION WOULD LIKE US TO TRY TO PERSUADE TURKEY NOT TO PARTICIPATE. RECOMMENDATIONS: AS TO FIRST REQUEST, WE BELIEVE US OPPOSITION TO COMMITTEE WAS MADE AMPLY CLEAR BY OUR VOTE AGAINST GA RESOLUTION 3376 AND OUR STATEMENT IN PALESTINE DEBATE EXPLAINING THE REASONS THEREFOR. MOREOVER, ALTHOUGH APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE IS UNUSUAL, WE SEE NO PROCEDURAL OR LEGAL OBJECTION TO IT. WESTERN EUROPEANS WHOM ISRAELIS HAVE APPROACHED DO NOT INTEND TO SPEAK. I RECOMMEND WE NOT COMPLY WITH THIS REQUEST. WITH REGARD TO SECOND ISRAELI REQUEST, WE WILL BE HAPPY TO TELL TURKISH MISSION WE OPPOSE COMMITTEE AND BELIEVE IT SERVES NO USEFUL PURPOSE, BUT IT IS ALMOST CERTAINLY TOO LATE TO TURN ANKARA AROUND. (PROBABLY JUST THE REASON TURKS WAITED UNTIL THE LAST MOMENT TO AGREE TO SERVE.) OUR RECOMMENDATION IS THAT WE INFORM TURKISH MISSION OF OUR OWN STRONG VIEWS ABOUT COMMITTEE, BUT WE SHOULD NOT EXPECT OUR REPRESENTATION TO DISSUADE THEM.

3. FOLLOWING ARE 20 COUNTRIES WHOM WE UNDERSTAND HAVE AGREED TO SERVE: YUGOSLAVIA, CUBA, GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, GUINEA, HUNGARY, INDIA, INDONESIA, MADAGASCAR, MALAYSIA, MALTA, PAKISTAN, ROMANIA, SENEGAL, UKRAINE, TURKEY, AFGHANISTAN, NIGERIA, LAOS, CAMEROON, SIERRA LEONE. MOYNIHAN UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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